

VOLUNTEER LEADER RECOGNITION

The Tennessee 4-H program is proud of the adult volunteer leaders who give generously of their time, energy and other resources. Often we speak of a four-step process in developing a good volunteer program: recruiting, training, utilizing and recognizing.

At the state level, there are programs that offer the opportunity to give deserved formal recognition to volunteer leaders. These three programs are listed below with a brief description about each one; additional information can be found in the 4-H Awards and Recognition Handbook (www.utextension.utk.edu/4h/recoghnbook). Application forms for all three programs are usually sent to county Extension offices in the UT January mail packets.

1. **Alumni Recognition:** Each county may submit two records to the region for judging. Each region will then select two records to submit for state judging. These records are usually due the same time as Congress registration. The two state winners will be invited to State 4-H Congress where they will receive a plaque from Tennessee 4-H Alumni, Inc. The Alumni Recognition Nomination Form, F841, is located at:

<http://www.utextension.utk.edu/4H/forms&materials/index.htm>

2. **State 4-H Adult Leader Recognition:** This program gives recognition to an outstanding volunteer leader who has served five or more years. Each county may submit one nominee to the region. Each region will select two nominees to submit in state competition. County winners will receive a Charline Hamilton Powell Leader Recognition certificate and the state winner an engraved plaque. This recognition is sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kant of Blount County. A trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia will also be awarded to the state winner. Contact Regional Office for due date. The Adult Volunteer Leader Recognition Form, F842, is located at: <http://www.utextension.utk.edu/4H/forms&materials/index.htm>

3. **W. M. and Ruth Hale Master 4-H Family Recognition:** The Hale Master 4-H Families receive a framed certificate at the county level, engraved plaques at the region level and a framed Tennessee Master 4-H Family medallion at the state level. The state awards are usually presented at Roundup. Each county may recognize one family annually, plus one additional family for every 100 volunteer leaders (as reported on the annual 4-H enrollment report). Contact Regional Office for due date. The Hale Master 4-H Family Recognition Form, F840, is located at: <http://www.utextension.utk.edu/4H/forms&materials/index.htm>

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